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For: IMAGE PROCESSOR, IMAGE READER AND FIBER LENS THEREOF, AND  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FIBER LENS

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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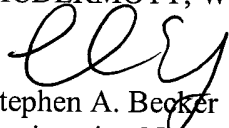
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Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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